Ruby Is Quoted As Acting on Impulse Alone

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (AP).—Jack Ruby has been quoted from purported actual word-by-word testimony before the Warren Commission as insisting he killed Lee Harvey Oswald on the spur of the moment last November 24.

In a copyrighted story yesterday by New York Journal-American columnist Dorothy Kilgallen, Ruby is quoted as having told Chief Justice Earl Warren during interrogation last June 7:

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Most of the first installment of the Journal-American transcript covered the period from Mr. Kennedy's assassination November 22 to early the next morning. Ruby's account of his activities during that period tallied closely with testimony introduced at his trial.

In the transcript which the Journal-American published with Miss Kilgallen's story, Ruby is quoted as telling Chief Justice Warren of that Friday night confrontation in Dallas police headquarters:

"There was a lot of questions thrown back and forth, and this District Attorney Henry Wade was answering them as best he could.

"From the time he started he let the reporters know that this was the guilty one that committed the crime. He specifically stated that in that room, that he was the one. It didn't have any effect on my mind, because whether the person had come out, whether he had come out openly and publicly stated didn't have any bearing in my mind, because I wasn't interested in anything. All I knew, they had the prisoner."

Ruby did not take the witness stand during his first degree murder trial in Dallas last winter. During the trial, chief defense attorney Melvin Belli sought to prove him insane and not legally responsible at the time of Oswald's slaying.